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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE SPC WILL MEET JULY 19 TO CONTINUE DIS-
CUSSION OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY. DISCUSSION IS LIKELY
TO CENTER ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- FURTHER NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS COVERING THE SUBJECTS
ON WHICH PAPERS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PROMISED;
- TIMETABLE FOR SPC WORK UP TO THE END OF THE YEAR;
- UTILIZATION OF EXPERTS;
- MOST APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE FOR SPC REVIEW OF CONTRIBU-
TIONS AND DRAFTING OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY;

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--COMPLETION OF THE STUDY OUTLINE, I.E., WHETHER TO SEEK
TO RESOLVE THE IMPLICATIONS SECTION.

ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS AND SPECIFIC GUIDANCE
ON PARAS 1A AND E. END SUMMARY.

1. OUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE SUBJECTS

MENTIONED IN THE SUMMARY ARE PROVIDED BELOW:

A. CONTRIBUTIONS: THE SPC CHAIRMAN WILL BE SEEKING TO OBTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THOSE PARTS OF THE OUTLINE WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN SPOKEN FOR. IN THIS CONNECTION WE HOPE THAT WASHINGTON WILL BE IN A POSITION BY THE TIME OF THE JULY 19 MEETING TO INDICATE WHAT ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS IT WILL BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE. RECOGNIZING THAT WE WISH OTHER COUNTRIES TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS STUDY, WE WILL URGE OTHERS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AS WELL. TO PROVIDE A MODEL AND SPUR FOR OTHERS, WE RECOMMEND AN INITIAL US SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTION BE SUBMITTED IN AUGUST.

B. TIMETABLE AND UTILIZATION OF EXPERTS: AS NOTED IN C-M (77)49(REVISED) (REF B), THE INITIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS BY THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE BY MID-SEPTEMBER, ALTHOUGH FRENCH HAVE INDICATED THEIR CONTRIBUTION MAY BE TARDY (REF C). WE ASSUME THAT THREE OR FOUR WEEKS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ASSEMBLE THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO PRODUCE THE FIRST DRAFT. THUS, AROUND THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER WE WOULD HOPE TO HOLD THE INITIAL GATHERING OF SENIOR EXPERTS TO DISCUSS THE COUNTRY ANALYSES (PART I), TO BEGIN DISCUSSION ON THE OVERALL ASSESSMENT (PART II), AND THUS TO SET THE STAGE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THAT PART OF THE OUTLINE. A SECOND MEETING OF SENIOR EXPERTS COULD BE HELD TOWARD THE END OF NOVEMBER TO
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DISCUSS THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE DRAFT CONCERNING THE OVERALL ASSESSMENT, PRIOR TO THE NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING IN EARLY DECEMBER. A STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRESS IN THE ALLIANCE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS COULD THEN BE SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL TO MINISTERS FOR THE CONSIDERATION DURING THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL MEETING.

C. SPC PROCEDURE FOR DRAFTING STUDY. PER REF D, WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH SPC CHAIRMAN JUNG POSSIBILITY OF TWO-TO-THREE COUNTRY GROUPS TO REVIEW AND SYNTHESIZE DRAFTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, WHICH WOULD HAVE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLLATING VARIOUS SECTIONS INTO SINGLE DRAFT. JUNG WAS RECEPTIVE TO THIS IDEA AND MAY RAISE IT DURING THE SPC MEETING.

D. COMPLETION OF STUDY OUTLINE. IN VIEW OF THE FRENCH DESIRE TO DELAY AN EARLY AGREEMENT ON PART III OF THE OUTLINE (IMPLICATIONS) (REFS B, C, AND E), WE BELIEVE IT IS PROBABLY BETTER NOT TO PRESS FRENCH AT THIS TIME. FURTHERMORE, SINCE WE HAVE AGREEMENT ON THE FIRST TWO PARTS AND WORK IS NOW PROCEEDING ON THEM, THERE IS NO PRESSING NEED FOR THE TIME BEING TO AGREE ON THE COMPLETE OUTLINE. WE

RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO DELAY DECISION ON PART III UNTIL AFTER THE INITIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED. BENNETT

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